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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 0717 ACTION SECSTATE APR 04.

QUOTE: S E C R E T MOGADISCIO 0717

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PBOR, SO, ET, UR, KE
SUBJECT: SIAD MAKES RENEWED APPEAL FOR US SUPPORT

1. SIAD SUMMONED ME ON URGENT BASIS 1200 GMT. HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENT CARTER ASAP:

SOMALIA HAS RECEIVED IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT CUBANS, ETHIOPIANS, AND SOUTH YEMENIS UNDER RUSSIAN COMMAND AND CONTROL ARE PLACING TROOPS IN POSITION TO LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST SOMALIA FROM FOUR STAGING AREAS. THREE ARE IN SOUTH AND MAY BE DIVERSIONARY WHILE FOURTH IN THE VICINITY OF JIGIGA WILL BE THE MAIN FORCE TO LAUNCH A TWO-PRONGED OFFENSIVE: ONE DRIVING TOWARDS ZEILA, THE OTHER TOWARDS BERBERA.

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2. SIAD APPEALS TO PRESIDENT CARTER TO INTERVENE WITH RUSSIA TO CEASE ITS PLANS TO ATTACK SOMALIA.

3. HE ALSO URGES PRESIDENT REACH FAVORABLE DECISION, FOLLOWING MOOSE VISIT, TO COME TO IMMEDIATE DIRECT OR INDIRECT DEFENSIVE ASSISTANCE IN SOMALIA'S HOUR OF NEED.

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4. HE CHARACTERIZED FONMIN WAIYAKI'S STATEMENTS IN ADDIS AS ARROGANT, UNDIPLOMATIC, AND INEXPLICABLE, AND ONCE AGAIN APPEALED TO US AND ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES TO INTERVENE WITH KENYAN AUTHORITIES, INFORMING THEM TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS.

5. COMMENT: DEPT IS WELL AWARE THAT SIAD IS PRONE TO CRY WOLF. IN THIS CASE, HE MAY BE DOING NO MORE THAN TRYING TO SPEED A USG DECISION TO ARMS SUPPLY. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE INDEPENDENT INDICATIONS THAT THERE ARE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN "WESTERN SOMALIA", WHICH THE GSDR WOULD INVEVITABLY REGARD IN THE WORST POSSIBLE LIGHT. IN ANY CASE, I BELIEVE IT IS NOW TIME TO FOLLOW UP THE GOOD WORK OF THE MOOSE MISSION AND PUSH FOR THE FINAL COMMITMENT WE WANT FROM THE GSDR. LOUGHRAN
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